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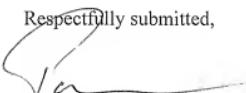
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27(g)(2), the Applicants hereby notifies the Patent and Trademark Office that status as a small entity is no longer appropriate for the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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